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NOTES FROM PACIFIC COAST OBSERVATORIES.

NOTE ON COMET α 1909 (DANIEL).

The first comet of this year was discovered by Mr. ZACCHEUS DANIEL, of Princeton, the fifteenth of June, in right ascension $1^{\text{h}}\ 40^{\text{m}}$ and declination 29° north. An orbit computed from observations of June 16th, 18th, and 21st shows that the comet made its nearest approach to the Sun June 5th, at which time it was about 79,000,000 miles from it. The comet is at present moving away from both the Sun and the Earth, so that by the 6th of July it will be only one half as bright as at discovery. It is a small telescopic comet and has no particular popular interest. It is at present in the Milky Way in *Perseus*, and is moving northeast. During the first week of July it will be so far north as to be above the horizon at all hours. Its orbit plane is inclined to the ecliptic at an angle of 52° .

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